## January 9, 2012



Governor O'Malley greets Chief Billy Tayac, Tribal Chair Natalie Proctor and Tribal Chair Mervin Savoy in Charles County.

## **Good Morning:**

Today, Governor O'Malley, together with the Piscataway peoples, will sign Executive Orders recognizing two petitions for Maryland Indian Status. It is a day of recognition and of reconciliation that is 380 years in the making.

In Maryland, our strength flows from the diversity of Maryland's people, especially our Native People: the men and women of the Piscataway Indian Nation, the men and women of the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-Tribes, and the men and women of the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians.